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EDWARD S. GREEN.

The Emperor's speech

Yоконама, Dec. 28 - The Japanese parliament was opened to-day with the imperial speech. His majesty said he was rejoiced at the end of the war with China; that order has been established in the island of Formosa, and that relations between Japan and foreign powers were more intimate than formerly. Continuing, his maj-sty said that the Japanese empire had siresdy achieved striking progress in civilization; but, he added, that it had a long and arduous task before it. Measures would be in-troduced, he said, in conclusion, to increase the defenses of the country.

A North Carolina Postmaster. WASHINGTON, Dec 28 - William Conway has been appointed postmaster at Ocean, N. C., vice J. W. Sanders, re-

HAPPENINGS AT WASHINGTON

Bond Bill Passed by the House **Yesterday**

With Practically No Excitement, But Not Until a Number of Republicans, as Well as Democrats, Had Spoken Against It-The Bill Provides for the Issue of Three Per Cent. Coin Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The House to-day passed the bond bill by a vote of 10 to 136, and thus, having discharged the task for which it has been sitting during the holiday recess, effected an agreement by which the House should adjourn next week three days, at a time in order to give members an opportunity to spend New Year's Day at their homes. The closing hours of the debate to-day were lacking in spirit, and there was practically no excitement until the

was practically no excitement until the vote was taken.

The margin of thirty-three by which the first section of the bill, against which the Republican opponents of the measure massed their opposition, was passed, showed that the friends of the measure had marshalled every available vote in its favor, as forty-seven Republicans refused to act with the majority of their party. The Populists and Demcerats, with the exception of Mr. Hutchtson, of Texas, who voted for the bill, presented an unbroked front against the measure.

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The bill, as passed, amends the resumption act so as to permit the issue of 3 per cent coin bonds, redeemable after five years at the pleasure of the Government and payable in fifteen years with the specific proviso that nothing in the bill shall be construed to repeal the act of 1878 for the re-issue of green-backs and that the bonds shall first be offered for subscription at the subtreasuries and depositories of the United States. The second section of the bill provides for the issue of three year three per cent. debt coins of denominations of \$30 and multiples thereof, in amounts not exceeding \$50,000,000 to meet temporary deficiencies.

Mr. Brosius (Rep., Pa.) opened the debate in favor of the bill. "This was the only country on the globe," he said. "where gold redemption had neither qualification nor limitation, and where the Treasury was without the power to resist the incursions of foreign gold grabbers or domestic speculators. The revenue deficit was the chief sinner in the comedy of errors which had produced the present troubles. The people of this country should have the first opportunity to help the Treasury out of the trough of the financial sea. The President had appealed for succor for a distressed Treasury, and it was our duty to put saide party expediency."

Mr. McLaurin (Dem., S. C.) opposed the bill because it would increase the burden of an already overtaxed people and would have a tendency to legalize a series of usurpation of power by the Secretary would use his direction and redeem notes in silver the gold raids would cease and new hope would be infused into the Parageratic party row

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Mr. Lawnry, (Dem., Minn) a member of the ways and means committee, in support of the bill, called attention to President's urgent appeal to Congress.

Mr. Burton (Rep., Mo) and Mr. Connelly (Rep., Ill.) who had been counted on as apponents of the bill, gave their support to it in brief speeches.

Mr. Hopkins (Rep., Ill.) in support of the bill argued that there was no necessity for the issue of gold binds. Time and the Treasury's experience with the last bond issue had demonstrated this. The bonds sold abroad had returned to this country. There was ample gold here to supply the needs of the Treasury.

Mr. Payne (Rep., New York) called attention to the fact that the administration was already needs to the treasury.

attention to the fact that the administration was already preparing to issue \$100,000,000 of thirty year 4 per cent. bonds. This was the emergency toat bonds. This was the emergency that this bill met by a reduction of the in-

"The President's message," interrupted Mr. Linney (Rep., North Carolina) 'says that \$155,000,000 of sliver certificates issued against the bullion certificates issued against the bullion purchased under the act of 1890 constituted gold obligations. Why did not the ways and means committee provide for the coloage of that bullion and the redemption of these notes in silver?" (Democratic applause)

"The Secretary now has authority to coin and redeem the Sherman notes," replied Mr. Payne. "But one thing at a time. This bill proposes to give the Government the power to redeem its

Government the power to redeem its gold obligations in gold." (Republican

Mr. Crisp closed the debate for his side. He said he would endeavor to bring the House back to the real issue. bring the House back to the real issue. The President had po nted out to Congress that the gold reserve was diminishing and had appealed to Congress not to adjourn until some relief was afforded. That was a plain business proposition. "You gentlemen." said he addressing the Republican side, "should either act upon it or decline to act upon it. You should not play politics and claim you are acting in response to the President's message. The President says there is no deficiency. The official statement shows \$175,000 000 in the Treasury, but the President asks you to retire the greenbacks and to enable the Treasury to sell gold bonds"

"Is the gentleman from Georgia in

to sell gold bonds"
"Is the gentleman from Georgia in
favor of it?" asked Boutelle.
"I am not," replied Mr. Crisp, amid a
roar of laugh er on the Republican side
"Those on this side who favor the single

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gold standard because it affords no relief to the Treasury; these concur with me in the belief that these bonds are payable in coin at the option of the government because they think there is no necessity for it Gentlemen on that side believe that the obligations of the government should be paid in gold. If you believe you owe it to your country, you owe it to your Treasury and to the taxburdened people of the country to vote to obtain it. If I believed as you do I should have felt myself unworty to longer be a representative of the American people if I failed to support a proposition that would save the people millions."

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He called attention to the fact that Speaker Reed, Mr. Dingley, Mr. Paine and others last year voted with a large number of Democrats to issue "gold" bonds. He said the object of the other bonds. He said the object of the other side was simply to seem to do something in response to the demand of the executive, when they know they are absolutely doing nothing, unless it was to injure and embarrass the Treasury.

"Is my iriend from Georgia arguing," asked Mr. Boutelle, "that we ought to follow the advice of the President and issue gold bonds?"

"My argument is," replied Mr. Crisp, "that if you believed, as you claim, that the obligations of the Government were payable in gold, you should have had

payable in gold, you should have had the courage to vote to insert the word 'gold.'"

'gold.'"

Mr. Boutelle—"But does the gentleman from Georgia think he is going to help the credit of the country to any extent by proclaiming to the world his belief, that he does not think the bonds are payable in gold?"

Mr. Crisp—"I am not parading my views. I was only arguing as to the want of consistency of the gentlemen on the other side."

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"I owe it to myself to say," concluded Mr. Crisp, "that I do not believe in the retirement of the greenbacks, that I do not believe in the single standard, that I do not believe in the single standard, that I do not believe in consracting the currency of this country as it would be contracted by the retirement of greenbacks. Nor do I believe in oppressing the debtors of this country and of the world as they would be oppressed by fixing the standard of value wholly upon one metal" (Applause.)

Mr. Da'zell (Reg., Pa.) closed the debate for the majority.

The vote was then taken on the first section of the bill amid a good deal of suspense and nervousness. Several friends of the measure, notably Mr. Dingley, kept individual tallies, When the announcement of the passage of the bill was made, 169 to 136, there was a burst of applause. The second section was agreed to without division.

Mr. Hitt (Hep., Ill.) chairman of the foreign affairs committee, reported back with a favorable report the resolutions calling on the State Department for all information regarding the trial and arrest of John L. Waller; also calling for a report on the alleged firing on the Henry L. Crosby by the Santo Domingo troops December 10, 1893, and calling for all correspondence between the State Department and Spain relating to the war in progress in Cuba. They State Department and Spain relating to the war in progress in Cuba. They were all agreed to without objection. The resolution reported back by the committee in lieu of the Barrett reso-

lution for an inquiry into the advisabil-ity of impeaching Thomas F Bayard, ambassador to Great Britain, for reported speeches made at Boston, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, was substantially the McCall resolution requesting the President to inform the House whether any steps had been taken to ascertain the correctness of the reported speeches, and if true what setion if any had been taken thereon. Mr. Hitt explained that everything

Mr. Hitt explained that everything offensive had been eliminated from the resolution, making it simply one of inquiry It also was agreed to, although Mr. McCreary (Dem., Kentucky) gave notice that he would debate the question when the reply was laid before the

until next Tuesday.

The Senate Committees Washington, Dec. 28 —The Demo-cratic steering committee of the Senate to-day completed the assignment of the minority membership of committees and handed the list to Senator Mitchell, chairman of the Republican caucus committee. This list will be incorporated with Republican assignment of the senator mitchell, with respect to the senator of the senator with respect to the senator of the s committee. This list will be incorpo-rated with Republican assignees, and the entire list submitted to the Senate by Mr. Mitchell. On Monday Mr. Gor-man becomes chairman of the Democratic conference and takes the room now occupied by Mr. Sherman as chairman of the Republican conference.

An Ill-fated Ship.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 28.— Misfortune seems determined to follow the steamship Strathnevis to the last. She was ordered to proceed to Tacoma She was ordered to proceed to Tacoma to land her passengers and cargo preparatory to going into dry dock for repairs. A terrific gale was blowing from the southwest, and had not the tug Sea Lion rushed to the rescue, it is quite probable she would have drifted ashore. Just as the Strathnevis was leaving Port Townsend a United States marshal arrived from Seattle and marshal arrived from Seattle and libelled the vessel for \$150,000. The Canadian Pass Company also wants a slice of the salvage, and will ask for the modest sum of \$250,000, one-third of the value of the vessal and cargo

Grover to Take a Hunt.

Norrolk, Va., Dec. 28.—A report is current here, based on apparently good authority, that President Cleveland will visit the Ragged Island Gunning Club, visit the Kagged Island Gunning Club, near Virginia Reach, during the coming week with a duck hunting party. The efficers of the club have informed their associates here of the proposed trip.

Gold Reserve at \$63,691,997.

WASHINGTON Dec 28 -The Treasury to-day lost \$357 000 in gold by redemptions and gained \$206 000, which leaves the true amount of the gold reserve \$63,-

ENGLAND STILL APPREHENSIVE

In Regard to the Outcome of the Venezuelan Question.

They Are Not Blind to the Fact That Serious Trouble May Yet Arise, and Are Making Preparations for Defense in British Guinna-The Police in That Country Will Be Strengthened.

London, Dec. 28.-In spite of the fact that the financial side of the Venezuelan question is attracting more attention here than its political aspect, it must not be imagined that everybody has been lulled into a sense of false security, or that the authorities are utterly blind to the fact that serious trouble may yet arise in connection with the boundary dispute. The stock exchange was very quiet to-day. Americans closed weak at 1/@11/ lower. Home securities were firm and foreign stocks were very ir-

The St. James Gaz tte this afternoon

regular.

The St. James Gaz tte this afternoon gives prominence to an article dwelling on the mail news just received from British Guiana, and in which it is announced that at a meeting of influential residents recently held at Georgetown, capital of British Guiana, a provisional board of directors was appointed for the company known as the British Guiana Chartered Company, organized for the purpose of developing the interior of British Guiana. This board includes among its members some of the leading commercial men of the colony, and some of them are men who have hitherto been identified with the sugar industry of British Guiana.

This marks a decided change in the attitude of those prominent in the planting interests of the colony, and the idea seems to be to start a chartered company in the colony and invite home capitalists to enter into the undertaking. This new development is mainly due to the dispatch of the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, in September last, asking if the local capitalists of British Guiana were prepared to take up a large concession in the northwest portion of that colony and develop the mineral and other resources of the territory. At the same time the hint was alearly conveyed to the people of British Guiana that if their capitalists were not in a position to take up the matter there were people in Great Britain who were able and to take up the matter there were people in Great Britain who were able and ready to do so.

ready to do so.

It now remains to be seen whether the government will grants charter to this company, in view of the fact that it has as competitors the home syndivate, which has already made proposals to the local government, which propositions, however, have not been accepted. The St. James Gizette adds that there is "no reason why Mr. Chamberlain should delay his decision in the matter, and it is a fair inference that his dispatch of September was a counter his dispatch of September was a counter move to the Venezuelan concession made to Americans in February, and it may be fraught with larger consequences than appear at first sight."

quences than appear at first sight."
In another paragraph of this article the St. James Gazztte says: "Hitherto the inspectors of the British Guiana police have been uniformed civilians; but, now they will be strengthened by the addition of Captain Johnstone and Lieutenant Cobb, of the British army, as sub-inspectors. Their appointments were aunounced to-day and are significant of the rapid transition of the British Guiana police into a military force. Captain Johnstone, we apprehend, will instruct the negro police in the working of Maxim guns."

New York Stock Market.

providing for financial relief. In the early dealings prices receded on lower quotations for American securities cabled from London and on setting forth at account in this market. The declines were important in only one or two instances, and a firmer tone soon developed on buying for both accounts, causing sharp improvements, especially in leather preferred and sugar and Manhastan. The closing was strong.

"Currency Sixes" Due February 1. WASHINGTON, Dec 28 -The Secretary of the Treasury gave public notice to-day that the United States bonds of the face value of \$4,320,000, issued under the acts of July 1, 1862, and July 2, 1864, to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and commonly known as "cur-rency sixes," become due and will be paid, with interest, at the Treasury department on February 1, 1896, and that interest on the bonds will cease on that

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THE BALTIMORE THEATRE HORROR. Revised List of the Dead-Sad Scenes a

Revised List of the Dead-Sad Scenes at the Morgue.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—The horror at the Front Street Theatre last night is increased, rather than abated, by today's developments. The list of identified dead has grown to twenty-seven, and two or three more among the injured lying in the city hospital are so desperately hurt that their names may serve to swell it ere the night has passed. The morgue, however, is clear, and all the ghastly array of disfigured human forms which lay there last night have been recognized by loving friends or agonized relatives.

agonized relatives.

The list of dead, as revised, is as fol-The list of dead, as revised, is as follows: Louis Amolsky, Gabriel Berustein, son of Leepold Bernstein; Lee Cohen, Ida Friedman, Jennie Henckel, Louis Levenstein, Lena Lewis, Morris Margolies, Sarah Rosen, Jacob Rosenthal, Moses Salzburg, Joseph Weiner, Lena Franel, Samuel Kremer, Rebecca Kremer, Isaac Gere, Katle Salzburg, Louis Bernstein, — Grewsky, a toy; — Grewsky, a girl; Sarah Polack, Simon Polack, Joseph Leverwitz, Vera Naravinski, Anna Naravinski, Wolf Hurwitz. Hurwitz.

The scenes at the morgue were heartrending. A weeping throng of over 500
surrounded the building and gave evidence of their grief in piteous wailings.
A squad of policemen kept the weeping
crowd back. Freight cars, shed tops
and lumber piles nearby were thronged
with excited Hebrews eager for the
slightest glance into the interior of
the morgue. The windows were pushed
up so often by the mob outside that
Keeper Weber had to nail them down.
Nineteen bodies were received at the
morgue, but all had been taken away
by noon. Even after the last body had
been removed the crowd of morbidly
anxious people loitered about the city's The scenes at the morgue were heart-

been removed the crowd of morbidly anxious people loitered about the city's dead house.

Every few moments some one called for information of missing loved ones. Among the most pathetic cases was that of Leopold Bernstein, of 902 East Fayette street, who found three of his childred lying cold in death. Bernstein was in the theatre with his wife and three children. His wife was badly injured, and two of his children were orushed to death. They were: Jacob Bernstein, 3 years of age, and Teresa Bernstein, 6 years of age. A 9-year-old son escaped uninjured.

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HOW THE INSURGENTS FIGHT.

The Spaniards Say They Observe None of the Rutes of Honorable Warfare. Washington, Dec. 28—The Spanish authorities at Madrid, in a cable dispatch to the Spanish minister. Senor Depuy de Lome, filed December 26, the day after the reports that the insurgents

day after the reports that the insurgents were nearing Havana, give their official views on the war in Cuba. In substance the dispatch says that the conflict cannot be tremed as a warfare. It has reached a stage approximating high class brigandage. The issurgent forces do not come out of their hiding places to meet in open conflict. There are no engagements worthy the name, and such as occur are of trifling importance, with few casualties. Whenever attacked the insurgents fly in retreat. They observe none of the honorable rules of warfare, particularly the honor of the flag.

In this connection it is pointed out that one Spanish officer was shot and another sentenced to penal servitude for failing to observe the rules of honor to

House.
Mr. Cummings (Dsm., New York)

Presented a favorable report from the committee on naval affairs on the joint resolution for the acceptance of the ram Kahtadin.

At 4:25 p m. the House adjourned

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 28—Trading upon the Stock Exchange to-day was restricted, owing to an indisposition to make ventures peading the receipt of definite news from Washington regarding the expected bond issue and the vote of the House on the bill before it world live for reading to observe the rules of honor to state that the insurgent foreas have not taken any towns of considerable population, but have confined themselves to state that the insurgent formal populations and the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag. The dispatch proceeds to state that the insurgent formal populations are the flag and the flag are scattered villages of small populations having no defenses. They have been readily able to pursue their tactics of applying the torch to plantations, as the cane is as inflammable as powder and a single match starts a blaze of wide extent.

It is impossible, it is said, for the It is impossible, it is said, for the Spaniards entirely to prevent these destructive tactics over an area of thousands of square miles. In conclusion the dispatch gives to the commanding general, Martinez de Campos, the fullest credit for doing everything in his power against such uncivilized methods. It adds the most explicit and unequivocal statement that the insurrection will be put down. rection will be put down.

Duck Shooting Railroad Deal.

Norrolk, Va., Dec. 28 - W. K. Van-derbilt and Dr. W. S. Webb will arrive here on two special coaches to morrow morning at 7:30 via Norfolk and Westorn railroad. It is said that the party are bound for a ducking expedition in Currituck Sound, but another rumor is current that a big railroad deal is on hand, involving the extension of the Norfolk and Southern in Eastern North Carolina and the general enlargement of the road with its consolidation with one of the big trunk lines.

A Lunatic's Bloody Work Winsron, N. C., Dec. 28 - Wm. Mil-Suit the Masses

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Winston, N. C., Dec. 28.—Wm. Miller, one of Davie county's wealthy citizens, during a fit of insanity last night, shot his wife in the back with a shorgun. Her injuries are considered serious. Miller had several times threatened to kill his wife and children.

North Carolina Town Burned.

Winston, N C, Dec. 28.—Liberty, a town of 2,500 inhabitants, was noarly wiped out by fire of unknown origin last night, but after losses aggregating \$25,000 the flames were subdued. Marshall & Wendell Plano, \$150, 85 Per

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THE LATEST LONDON GOSSIP

The Tone of the British Press Strikingly Conciliatory

Regard to the Dispute With the United States on the Venezuelan Boundary Question-They Do Not, However, Overlook the Possibilities of the Future-Great Interest in American Military Matters.

Copyrighted 1895 by T. A. P. London, Dec.28 -The sullen weather, sleet and dampness, which has been a feature of Christmas week, seems to have cast a gloom over politics in general, although the Venezuelan question, chiefly from its financial and commercial standpoint, has been uppermost in the public mind. It takes some time to convince the average Britisher of anything and there has been no exception in the case of impressing upon the minds of those in authority that the United States is thoroughly convinced of the justice of the Monroe doctrine, as a whole, although there may be differences of opinion as to its applicability to the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain. In consequence the tone of the press and the general public here is now strikingly conciliatory and everything possible is being done to avoid a friction which might result in further unpleasantness. eral, although the Venezuelan question,

public here is now strikingly conciliatory and everything possible is being done to avoid a friction which might result in further unpleasantness.

Although the attitude of people in authority and those not in authority here is peaceful, the possibilities which the future may bring forth are not by any means overlooked. This is shown by the stress laid by the St. James Gazette this afternoon upon the latest advices from British Guiana and the commercial and military outlook in that colony. The St. James Gazette has from the first up to the present time had the good fortune to be distinctly ahead in announcing all the developments from this side of the water in the Venezuelan question, and there is therefore a shrewd suspicion that it has been more or less directly or indirectly inspired by the Secretary of State for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

Consequently more than ordinary interest is manifested in an article which is published to-day, giving prominence to the mail news just received from British Guiana, in which it is announced that at a meeting of influential residents recently held at Georgetown, capital of British Guiana, a provisional board of directors was appointed for the company known as the British Guiana.

A sign of the interest taken here at present in American military matters is found in the fact that the Army and Navy to-day print short blographical sketches of all the American generals. The little Ashanti "picnic" has not been entirely forgotten in the face of the graver complications threatened it the West, and up to the present every thing in connection with British expedition being sent against King Prempsh appears to have gone well and smoothly. King Prompsh has sent several temporizing messages to the British authorities, but no notice has been taken of them, and it is generally believed that

izing messages to the British authorities, but no notice has been taken of them, and it is generally believed that he will fight when the expedition enters his territory.

his territory.

Death of a Veteran Actor.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—The veteran actor, William H. Wallis, died to day at his home in this city, in his 70th year, after a lingering illness. In his time he was associated with all the leading artists of the American stage. It was he who struck John Wilkes Booth in the mouth at sixth and Arch streets when Lincoln's future assassin applied a vile epithet to the great emancipator. Mr. Wallis was on a tour with a New York company last season when Bright's disease developed. He returned to Philadelphia veloped. He returned to Philadelphis in May, and has since been confined to his house. His wife and three sons

Weekly Bank Statement.

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New York, Dec. 28.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$1,149,125; loans, decrease, \$1,180,100; specie, decrease, \$1,742,300; legal tenders, decrease, \$4,457,200; deposits, decrease, \$16,201,500; circulation, decrease, \$46,400.

The banks now hold \$15,839,675 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule. cent. rule.

Ex-Covent Waller Improving.

Washington, Dec. 28 — A letter received to-day from ex-Consul Waller, dated at his prison in France, states that his health has improved. He also states that there has been an improvement in his treatment. He expresses gravitude to those who have befriended him and his family in this country. Ex-Covsul Waller Improving.

Ordered Home For Repairs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 -The gunboat Petrel, which has been for five years in constant service in Bering Sea and on the China station, has been ordered home to Mare Island by cable from

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